CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for identifying a plurality of events which are played back simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;

(b) ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the client apparatuses utilizing the network;

(c) comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and

(d) beginning the playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes at least one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory includes a digital video disc (DVD).

6. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for identifying a plurality of events which are played back simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising:

(a) a code segment for providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;

(b) a code segment for ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the client apparatuses utilizing the network;

(c) a code segment for comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and

(d) a code segment for beginning the playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

7. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

8. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the event includes at least one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

9. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the network is a wide area network.

10. A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory includes a digital video disc (DVD).

11. A system for identifying a plurality of events which are played back simultaneously on a plurality of networked client apparatuses, comprising:

(a) logic for providing a plurality of events stored in memory on a plurality of client apparatuses, the events each having a unique identifier associated therewith and stored in the memory, wherein the client apparatuses are adapted to be coupled to a host computer via a network;

(b) logic for ascertaining the identifier of the event stored in the memory of the client apparatuses utilizing the network;

(c) logic for comparing the identifier with an identifier of a scheduled event; and

(d) logic for beginning the playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses if the comparison renders a match.

12. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

13. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the event includes at least one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

14. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network is a wide area network.

15. A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the memory includes a digital video disc (DVD).